

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005. No claims are amended, canceled or added. Thus, claims 1-25 remain pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 16-17 and 22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 31-51 and 27-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,690,972. Applicant does not admit that the claims are obvious in view of the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,690,972. However, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 23-25.

Claims 8, 12-15 and 18-21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, 16-17 and 22 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the Double Patenting rejections set forth in the Office Action, or upon the filing of a proper Terminal Disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6960 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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